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Turkey Announces Eighth Live Slaughter Cattle Tender

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Report Highlights:

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Technical Specifications for Eighth Tender:

The technical specification and tender requirements for the eighth tender were published by the Meat and Fish Institute (EBK) at <http://www.ebk.gov.tr>. The cattle must be Angus, Hereford, Simmental, Charolais, Limousin, or Swiss Brown. The age of the animals must be between 12 and 24 months. The animals must be male, and weigh between 400 kg and 750 kg. The animals must bear visual characteristics of their own breed and have no visible problems with their feet, eyes, ears etc. The animals must all be identifiable through ear tags, microchips, etc. Animals that do not pass the health inspections will not be imported.

The contact address for the EBK is: Ceyhun Atif Kansu Caddesi 1370 sokak no:10
Balgat/Ankara/Turkey.

Telephone: 00 90 312 286 22 34

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The name of the contact person: Ender Akbaba (division manager)

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Required documents are listed in the following notifications:

- Notification 2000/32 “Documents required for issuing the control certificate in import of non-stud livestock and animal products” that was published on September 22, 2009
- Official Gazette number 2004/8 “Amending the notification on documents required for issuing the control certificate in import of non-stud livestock and animal products”,
- Official Gazette number 96/4 “The requirements for issuing the control certificate in import of butchery and stock-farming cattle and sheep as well as goat”
- Notification 2010/5 “Standardization in foreign trade for import of the products subject to supervision of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ministry”

According to these regulations, the following documents are required for importing live slaughtering cattle:

- Original invoice
- Pro forma invoice
- Original official veterinary health certificate (containing hormone, antibiotic and other residue information)
- Sample of proforma health certificate
- Certificate of origin
- Certificate of analysis that shows the animals are free from hormone and antibiotics.
- Pedigree certificate

- The control certificates are issued for each batch of slaughter livestock to be imported. If importation is done through more than one port, a separate control certificate is required for each customs district.
- A Veterinary Health Certificate, which is required by the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ministry General Directorate for Protection and Control, shall be approved by the official veterinary service of the exporting country and signed by an official veterinarian.
- For fattening livestock, an analysis report showing that the animals are free from hormones and antibiotics.

OTHER PROVISIONS

CATTLE SELECTION AND INTERMEDIATE SUPERVISION

An Intermediate Supervision Committee, which shall be assigned by the Directorate of Meat and Fish Institute, shall make a pre-selection of cattle to be bought from exporting countries and the selected animals shall undergo a physical examination by the personnel assigned by the Turkish Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ministry's General Directorate for Protection and Control. They shall review the medical conditions of the animals and the documents required for import of the animals. A selection report shall be issued by these Ministry of Agriculture personnel, stating that the animals selected meet the required medical conditions. Three copies will be given, and the original report must accompany the shipment upon arrival to Turkey.

The Intermediate Supervision Committee shall supervise the disinfection and loading of the selected cattle to the transportation vehicles.

INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

The cattle, which will be brought to slaughtering facilities, shall be examined by the Inspection and Acceptance Committee assigned by the Administration, where documents will be inspected.

WEIGHING

The selected cattle shall be weighed in the exporting country before shipment under the supervision of the Intermediate Supervision Committee. Ear tag numbers of the weighed cattle shall be listed and minutes shall be taken for the procedure bearing signatures of the contractor's authorized person and members of the intermediate supervision committee.

INVOICING PROCEDURE

Invoicing shall be done after the live weight, which is essential for payment, at the delivery place.

In order to attend the tender, interested parties must purchase tender documents (for 250 Turkish Lira) from the Meat and Fish Institute. In order to participate in the tender interested parties must deliver prepared bids before July 30, 2010 at 15:00 pm.

The cattle will be selected in the country of origin by officials of the EBK and will be delivered to one of five EBK slaughterhouses.

NOTE: While specific breeds are listed, it is expected that cross breeds from these breeds are acceptable. The hormone test is to identify synthetic hormones. The bans on the states of Texas, Arkansas, and Washington are related to the prior BSE cases. Please note that a protocol has not been negotiated for slaughter or feeder cattle but the GOT is anxious to begin discussions.